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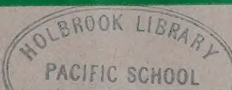
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For Christ and the Church...

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

Cover

Dr. Earle W. Gates, with an energetic assist from Eugene G. Alhart, gives a real pep talk to New York State Boosters who are participating in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD Awards Program. Boosters shown with these leaders are (left to right): Front row—Mr. Alhart, Esther Daugherty, Janet Wakeley, Eileen Morrison, Dr. Gates, Cynthia Gordin, and Suzanne Alhart; Back row—Paul Vydareny, Earle W. Gates, Jr., Robert Haines, and Thomas Williams. These youth are among the many Boosters who are earning valuable awards as they secure new subscriptions to Christian Endeavor's official publication.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary

A BIRTHDAY SHARED!

Mildred (Mrs. Ernest R.) Gott Bryan, of Washington, D.C., celebrated her birthday recently, and Mrs. Bryan's birthday coincides with the anniversary of our moving into the new headquarters building. Mrs. Bryan is a vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and is honorary field secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. She is the widow of the late Dr. Ernest R. Bryan who served as president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor from 1949 until his sudden death in 1954. But more about Mrs. Bryan's birthday. Her gift was to the International Society, a sum of money with which to begin an "Air Conditioning Fund" for the Columbus headquarters. This initial incentive gift has been placed in a special fund; perhaps some others will want to so celebrate their birthdays. To you, Mrs. Bryan, our thanks for this additional sharing—and for this leading.

ANOTHER BIRTHDAY!

It isn't too early to begin to lay plans for a mammoth Christian Endeavor Week celebration, marking the 79th birthday of our movement. The time—January 31-February 7, 1960. The place—anywhere; right where you are. You can be the spark plug for a birthday celebration in your society, your church, your local, district or county union. Write to Columbus headquarters for your action-packed Christian Endeavor Week Packet for only 50c.

A FORWARD STEP!

The dates of December 3 through 6 will be significant dates in the annals of Christian Endeavor history. Those dates will see gathered in Columbus nearly one hundred Christian Endeavor leaders, including denominational leaders and others, for the important sessions of the new Executives' Program Council, successor to the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference and the Program Council of the International Society. The purpose—to survey the needs of youth and to determine how Christian Endeavor can better serve in the youth program of the church; to provide opportunity for participation by denominational executives and representatives in the development of Christian Endeavor program, emphases and materials; to increase mutual acquaintance and fellowship among those officially associated in Christian Endeavor leadership. Rev. Robert Hess, Field Secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union, is Chairman of the Executives' Program Council.

MILESTONES!

Miss Eva Woodward, of Brunswick, Maine, has sent some very interesting items of historical value to World's Union president, Dr. Daniel A. Poling. They include a printed Sunday bulletin of Williston Church in Portland, bearing date of January 21, 1906, showing a 6:30 P.M. Union Meeting of Junior and Senior Endeavorers. There is also a beautiful souvenir program of the Golden Jubilee Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration, in Williston Church in 1931, along with a yellowed clipping out of the Portland Press Herald, February 3, 1931, issue, with a picture of Dr. Poling, Mrs. Francis E. Clark, and Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, then vice-president of the International Society.

Others of you must have some similar items of historical value that you would like to be placed in the archives of the International Society and of the World's Union. Send them to Columbus, won't you.

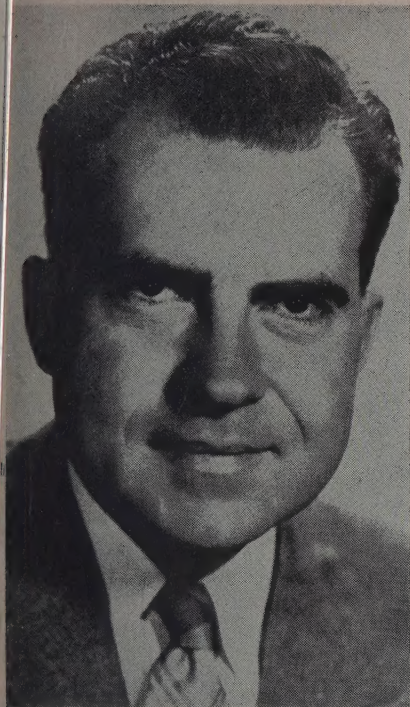
YOUR WILL!

Your Christian Will insures the orderly disposition of your estate—in a manner pleasing to you. Consult your attorney and make a Christian Will now. Include the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your Will. Write to the General Secretary for more information.

IT'S CHRISTMAS!

Soon it will be Christmas. And our wish to you, from every one of us here at Christian Endeavor headquarters, is that you might have a happy and a blessed Christmas. And—help keep Christ in Christmas!

Harold Westerhoff



THIS *YOU* CAN DO

Practical citizenship suggestions from
The Honorable Richard M. Nixon,
Vice-President of the United States

Lincoln, in his Gettysburg address, gave the most succinct description of our Republic when he referred to it as "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people." He had in mind, of course, the full participation of all citizens in their government as well as an active interest in politics.

Today, many Americans think of government and politics only in a crisis sense. They are volubly and emotionally patriotic in time of war. They demand government action to meet some problem, such as a business recession. But they concern themselves with the internal functioning of government only when there are allegations of corruption, failure, or other abuses of power.

This indifference may range from deep cynicism to a genial acceptance of some government failing as being the inevitable result of human nature.

It is not easy to change these attitudes. Modern life is tremendously demanding. As rapidly as we invent processes and machines to give us the appearance of leisure, we come up with activities, organizations, and programs that leave us more exhausted than before. Faced with these pressures, we gravitate toward the immediate need, even to the point of postponing (and ultimately neglecting) problems of greater moment.

This process can be reversed, if we hold firm to certain fundamentals. Government is a great force in the lives of modern men and women. It is comparable to the family, the Church, the school, and the neighborhood as a formative and even decisive influence. Hence what affects government affects all of us deeply.

The democratic process is corroded by neglect. The crisis mentality, the negative attitude of merely opposing, place an enormous strain upon our political institutions.

It is essential, especially in these critical days, that we give a priority in our thinking to the needs of government and the political processes underlying the machinery of government. We should approach them with the same sense of urgency that we give to family and Church.

To implement our resolve, we should take four concrete steps. These are:

Be informed adequately.

Know how to inform others and influence public opinion.

Give our views to our elected representatives.

Choose these representatives wisely and intelligently. We get good government by joining the political party

of our choice, seeing that good candidates are nominated by our party, supporting these candidates actively during their campaigns, and standing by them when they courageously follow right principles after they are elected.

Thus "the" government becomes "our" government. Politics loses its tarnish. Public service once again is recognized as an honor of the highest order. Democracy shows its power to give mankind a government of justice, of wisdom, and of moderation.

Have You Entered?

Are you one of the young people who have been nominated for Christian Endeavor's 1960 Citizenship Contest? Is your society entered in the competition?

Many opportunities are available for those who compete to express Christian citizenship in practical ways through this contest. Awards to the winners will total \$1100 in cash plus two trips to Ottawa, Ontario, for the Citizenship Convocation July 1-3, 1960.

Deadline for nominations is February 8. Official forms for individuals and for societies can be found on Page 18.

This *you* can do—enter the 1960 Citizenship Contest!

Stories in Pictures...



GERMAN UNION LEADERS at convention (from left to right) are Rev. Arno Pagel, president; Lieselotte Hupfeld, headquarters worker; Bernhard Schemmel, treasurer; and Georg Meier, general secretary.



THE BRITISH UNION JACK and the United States flag were included among the colorful decorations in front of the Festival Hall Killesberg in Stuttgart for the German National Convention August 22-24.



NEARLY EIGHT THOUSAND German Endeavorers attended this year's national convention, according to Mr. Pagel's report. Theme for the gathering was "Our Lord Is Coming." Photos were taken by Ulrich Weber, field secretary.



ATTRACTIVE NEW JEWELRY and many helpful books, folders, and other items drew many Endeavorers to the literature table at the Great Lakes Regional Conference. Margaret Nykamp of Michigan, who was in charge of the sale of material, reports that young people are especially pleased with the new jewelry.



THE PRESIDENTS AND FIELD SECRETARIES of the five states in the Great Lakes Region enjoyed informal fellowship with Dr. Clyde W. Meadows (fourth from left, standing), International Society president, and William R. Bonnema (center, back row), regional vice-president, at the conference held at Oakwood Park near Syracuse, Indiana.



THE "CAKE OF FIVE CANDLES" is admired by leaders of the Mexican National Union at their convention in Oaxaca. The newly-elected president, Dr. Oziel Garza Rocha, (center) leans forward for a closer examination. David Macias, immediate past president, is at the right.



A SPECIAL FEATURE of the Fifth Mexican National Convention held in Oaxaca in September was the presentation of a hand carved copper plate to Dr. Clyde W. Meadows as a token of affection. Past President David Macias is shown giving the plate to Dr. Meadows, as convention delegates look on. Two delegates from Guatemala were also present.

"FUTURE! What future? I'm just waiting for the Russians to come and destroy us all," a young man in his late teens bitterly snapped. This utterance came from a member of the generation which will soon be shouldered with the responsibility of molding our society's destiny.

The above is an extreme example, but the tendency of this unhealthy, negative attitude can be seen in many present day young people. They do not seem to possess the ability to bounce back after a failure; thus, the failure becomes a defeat. To most, the words "failure" and "defeat" are synonymous; yet, their meanings are extremely diverse. The former is temporarily being subdued by overwhelming circumstances; the latter is being permanently overcome by one's own feelings of despair. The one builds respect in one's self, while the other destroys one's dignity. Failure is a blessing and generates hope for the next attempt. Defeat is a curse and yields only dejection for eternity. This fine line of distinction denotes the contrast between a calamity and a much needed lesson, between acute bitterness and sober determination, between a cringing coward and a bold man. The difference lies in one's own attitude and in that alone.

There are two types of failures or hardships. The first is the kind that circumstances impose upon an individual. The second is self-inflicted. An example of each flashes across my mind.

We have an old New Hampshire farmhouse for a summer home. The foundation of the barn started to decay, causing the structure to settle to one side. We hired some men to remedy the sagging beams and crumbling cement.

One morning I glanced out the window just in time to see the barn straighten like a slumping giant correcting his stance. This was an astonishing feat, so I rushed out to observe the workmen more closely. There was Mr. Everett Abbott, a man without any hands, working as though he was really enjoying himself. He laughed and joked as he skillfully jacked up the building and replaced the rotten beams.

At nine, Mr. Abbott's left side was paralyzed by polio. He was able to re-strengthen his leg, but his arm remained atrophied. By twenty-four this senior citizen knew the meaning of the word "work" and all its

ramifications. During the day, he had an outside job; then, made shingles after dark in his own sawmill. One night something went wrong with the machinery. Mr. Abbott tried fixing it. A blade whirled and his right hand dangled by a single strand of skin. He groped his way into the house and waited for the doctor.

"During the wait, my wife cried, and I wanted to die," Mr. Abbott commented as he related the tragedy. He was on the verge of being defeated.

However, two months later, he was out directing a logging exposition. He lay awake nights inventing gadgets, so he could do the work himself. Gradually, he met with success—from buttoning buttons to driving a tractor. Now, he has seven children, twenty-four grandchildren, and his great grandchildren are beyond count.

Unlike Mr. Abbott, who worked for everything he obtained, one of my maternal uncles, when he was a boy, was blessed with unusual physical skills. He was able to dismantle and reconstruct automobiles by the dozens, swam like a fish, and hit the bull's eye with a revolver.

But once he was walking home with several buddies, and one suggested that they snitch some of his parents' wine from the cellar. They did, and that taste has haunted my uncle ever since.

Time passed. My mother's brother married and had two daughters. As his children matured, so did his alcoholism. The bottle became his mind, heart, and soul. His eyes and nose were perpetually reddened. This man was inebriated for both his parents' funerals and his elder daughter's wedding, so much so that he only vaguely remembers these crucial events.

Finally, the doctor gave my uncle six months before cirrhosis of the liver would claim his life. He was arrested for disorderly conduct, and, while in jail, suffered delirium tremens in which white owls painted the bars of his cell. He, too, was on the brink of a disgraceful defeat.

But all that was over a decade ago. Now, this man touches a bottle only when removing it from another's lips. He has built his own home, drives a convertible, and is a respected family man and engineer. If I have an idol, it is he; not for what he was, but for what he has become—a human gem!

I just received a collection of semi-

precious Brazilian gems. There are natural and cut specimens of each jewel. The natural stones are dull and ordinary. The cut ones glimmer and gleam. What a marvelous transformation a jeweler with his instruments can perform. Blow by blow sparkling facets are formed. If a jewel can withstand the bludgeonings, it will be placed on display and admired by everyone. If not, it will be cast aside as worthless splinters.

Perhaps God is the Supreme Jeweler. Each human life is a natural stone or a diamond in the rough. Hardships and failures are His tools by which He cuts and polishes His gems; the scars which they leave are the facets which reflect His glory.

If we have enough spunk to withstand the bludgeonings, we will become jewels, the sparkle of which will inspire others. People want Mr. Abbott to do their work for they are inspired by the fact that each nail driven, each screw turned, each bolt tightened is a near miracle. My uncle will leave on a moment's notice to apply "artificial respiration" to someone who is about to drown himself in alcohol.

If we cannot endure the cleavage, we will be worthless splinters over which others will stumble and fall. This was the fate of the boy whose statement commenced this article; for he has an unbelievable police record and is a gang leader in New York City. He could not withstand the monstrous dilemmas—international tension, family decay, inner conflicts—which buffet our generation. We are under more tension and will be given more responsibility than any other generation in the annals of mankind. Because of this, will we splinter?

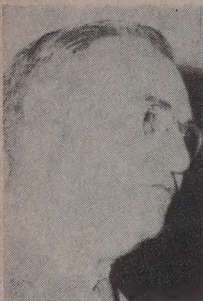
From personal experience, I think the answer is negative. I have a severe physical handicap. It has radically changed my entire life. I, myself, have often come close to splintering. If emotional bruises were visible as physical ones are, I would be a solid mass of scars. Yet, with each failure being alive becomes more cherished. I have winced and wailed, but I have also laughed and joked.

Thus, our hardships and failures can either be a tremendous blessing or a horrible curse depending on our own attitudes. Let it be the former. Let us thrive on them. This is a rare opportunity to become the largest gems in the Divine Jeweler's display of humanity!

GEMS OR SPLINTERS, WHICH?

How do you react to the hardships of life?

By DANIEL A. POLING, II
New York City



**Dr. Clyde W.
Meadows
Speaks To
Endeavorers**

Your Questions Answered

by International Society's President

Are you southern?

Yes, I was born and reared in Appomattox County, Virginia, and they tell me that I carry some flavor of southern accent in my speech even though I have served as the pastor of the King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, in my adopted state of Pennsylvania for 31 years.

How do I know whether or not God is calling me into the full-time Christian ministry?

No one should enter the Christian ministry if he can with good conscience toward God stay out. Entrance into the ministry should be the result of a definite call of the Lord. There is no prescribed way in which one receives such a call or identifies it when it comes. There are several steps to take that will help to answer this question: (1) Read the Bible and let it speak to you. (2) Pray; in prayer, surrender your will to the will of God for whatever service He desires you to perform. (3) Canvass your talents and abilities. (4) Consult Christian leaders in whom you have confidence. (5) Consider the needs of people and the church. Is there a need for what you can do? (6) Use your own good judgment and

venture through training and actual trial in the direction you feel God is leading. God often gives evidence after we have ventured in faith as he gave light to Saul of Tarsus after he had obediently gone into the city of Damascus (Acts 9:6-20).

You have advocated the organization of adult societies of Christian Endeavor. What are the age limits of an adult society?

Yes, I have advocated the organization of adult societies for their own good and to keep no long-time Christian Endeavorers from staying in young people's societies and thus hindering the young people's participation and leadership. Young Adult societies begin at 25 years, with adult societies commencing at 35 years of age. Adults continue to share in the program as long as they are willing.

If children are a part of the Kingdom as indicated in Mark 10:14, when are they thrown out?

Christian Endeavor is evangelical and centered in Christ but beyond this it has no right to determine a theological question. That is the prerogative of the church or denomination that sponsors a Christian Endeavor Society. This question leads directly into the theological discussion of depravity and progressive or cataclysmic experience of salvation, and these issues must be referred to the denominations for Christian Endeavor serves the churches but is not a church. However, this question arises out of a reference I made to Mark 10:14, when I was emphasizing the love of Jesus for little children in an address in Philadelphia recently, and I'll give my personal views. I believe the atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross covers innocent little children and they are in the Kingdom. They are never thrown out. There are no "damned infants," but they take themselves out of the Kingdom and become aliens from His grace when they reach the age of accountability and deliberately choose to turn from Christ and His way to follow the ways of selfishness and sin.

What is the difference between the World's Christian Endeavor Union and the International Society of Christian Endeavor?

The International Society and the World's Union are two quite different and separate and distinct organizations. The International Society embraces Christian Endeavorers, societies, and unions in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. The World's Union embraces Christian Endeavor around the world through the host of national and international unions which are affiliated with the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

What is the source of financial income for the International Society?

About 60% of the income to the International Society comes from contributions of \$15 or less, many of them coming from the very youth we seek to serve. A small number of gifts range from \$25 to \$100. Larger gifts include a single gift of \$5000, one of \$3500, one of \$2000, one of \$1500, and a half dozen ranging from \$200 to \$500. The bulk of our income is secured through our annual Membership Mobilization which includes the \$15 memberships, the Society Roll Call, and the Cost-For-A-Day Movement which makes it possible for people to complete the cost of underwriting one day's activity at \$100 each day.

Do you believe an alcoholic can ever be completely freed from alcoholism?

Yes! I believe the power of God is sufficient to save any person who comes to the Lord in humility and wants to be saved (Romans 1:16; John 1:12; John 6:37; Revelation 22:17). In practical life, I have in my congregation persons who were once alcoholics and are today absolutely free from alcoholism and are leaders in Sunday school and church, even members of my Official Board of Administration (the group of 40 people who run the church).

Do you have a question for Dr. Meadows? Send it to him at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

"Citizenship Unlimited!" Is 1960 Birthday Theme

Endeavorers the world around will mark the 79th anniversary of the founding of the movement by celebrating Christian Endeavor Week January 31 through February 7.

A packet full of helps for planning and carrying out a meaningful observance is available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor at a cost of 50c.

Included are these items:

A **Manual for Guidance and Resource** prepared by Dr. William W. McKinney, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

A **Radio Script** prepared by Dr. Robert W. Bringham of Leverington Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

A **Television Program** written by Orris Lee Doty, minister of First Christian Church, Coquille, Oregon.

A **"Citizens' Party"** prepared by Nathalie Nyhuis, exp expert from Allegan, Michigan.

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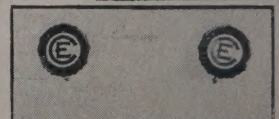
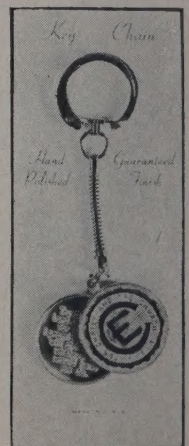
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Mine Eyes Have Seen

A review of the newly-published autobiography of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, by Dr. Earle W. Gates, minister of First Church of Evans, Derby, New York, and immediate past president of the International Society.

TAKING HOBBIES TO CHURCH

With Young Adults



By Bert H. Davis

HOBBIES and special skills of your members may serve the church and the Young Adults' program at many points.

MUSIC. Know the musical accomplishments of your members, and aid church groups in utilizing their personal services as soloists, coaches for chorus or orchestra, chamber music groups, and membership in choir or chorus. Two or three of your members can divide responsibilities in assisting Junior and other age-group leaders and counselors in the musical programs. If your members' talents are listed and classified, and the listing is kept up to date, the Young Adult group may be a clearing-house for locating and assigning the musicians whose services are desired in the church and throughout a community.

Lending of records and tapes for use at church events and in homes, particularly the homes of shut-in members, is of growing importance. The records and tapes to be made available will include those which your members own and also some that may be purchased by the Young Adult unit as a music library intended for church and community service.

PHOTOGRAPHY. Many and perhaps all of the important events of the church year might be recorded on movie reels, with or without sound, or by still cameras (prints or transparencies). Every group of members received into the church membership should be photographed for the church records. Such pictures can be used currently in a printed news letter or periodical, if your church issues such literature. Or an album may be secured, in which the prints are placed month by month, after the current picture has been shown for a time on a bulletin-board. On occasion, some of the prints of earlier years can be reproduced in the church periodical.

Photographs of the minister and his family, church school teachers and classes and departments, official boards, and the Young Adult group itself will be interesting as records. Photographers do not show much interest in the stiffly posed group, though even such a picture is valuable for record purposes. If possible, gather your group in an informal setting or have the subjects examine some object in or around the church building, so that there is some likeness to candid camera work. In one church, it has become a custom to have the new members informally posed before a handsome church window; then several profile pictures of the group are quickly taken. It is important with record photos that the names of all those shown are listed in order. These are noted on a slip pasted lightly to the back of the print, or better still, attached below it, with the gumming on the back of the print.

PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS. It would be interesting to have for exhibits and for the church's historical files a set of drawings or paintings of the minister and other church leaders, a teacher and class while seemingly engaged in studying together, flower arrangements and other characteristic details to be seen in or about the church building, designs for a window or Christmas decorations or church furniture and fixtures that might someday be provided.

Many a church uses in its weekly calendar and other printing or mimeographing a skillful drawing of the church exterior, or its steeple, or its front entrance, or some details of the chancel. Commercial firms would think of such a drawing, frequently used, as a trade-mark. We'll probably prefer the term *symbol* when we use the idea in church literature or in poster art. There is no good reason why a church could not have several such designs in use—each a visual reminder of our own church home.

CERAMICS. Increasing interest in the painting and firing of china and porcelain suggests that some of the amateur technician's most prized pieces belong at church. The place settings of china for a "head table," or at least for the guests' places could be produced in attractive amateur ware. If *wedding receptions in the church parlors are at all common, consider a hand-decorated china service to be used at the bride's and groom's table.* Ornaments and flat pieces, including wall decorations, are also interesting and useful objects for your ceramists' work. A competition could be conducted once every year or two to encourage a project in ceramics.

CRAFTS SHOP. Try to arrange for a room in the church or at a nearby location for tools, supplies and materials for such crafts as your members know best. Members of your group will help instruct younger and less skilled persons. You will need supervision and a qualified committee to oversee the care and use of equipment and for securing payment for materials the craftsmen use. Considerable output in furniture and furnishings for the church and the minister's home can come from such a shop, which also serves in the repair and reconditioning of objects now in use.

COLLECTORS' SHOWS. Exhibits of the collections of your hobbyists are easily arranged. If you do not have space for or interest in formal shows or exhibits, consider maintaining an attractive niche or room in which there will be a succession of hobby exhibits—a procedure often followed by schools and public libraries. This feature too will need supervision as to timing, arranging and safeguarding the objects on exhibition.

The cover of a book has just closed, and I have laid it down with a sigh of mingled emotions. As always when I have been in the presence of the author, I am filled with a thoughtful awe, a sort of breath-taking admiration and amazement combined. It seems as though we have again been talking together, a privilege cherished and too seldom enjoyed by all who know him. Indeed, his son once said to me that Dr. Poling was as much a hero to him as to all youth, and that he saw him about as often!

This book is an enthralling picture in words, a veritable panorama of an age that has seen greater changes than any that preceded it. It shares, as intimately as a beloved friend in one's own living room, a dramatic series of introductions to notable people, to famous places, and to events that have influenced world history. An incomparable raconteur, Dr. Poling brings us a new perspective—and in so doing reveals his own great stature. Here is a man in print, a portrait of a life drawn in printer's ink.

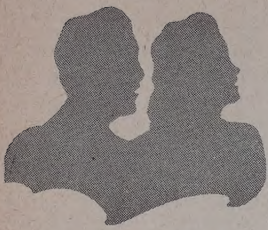
He carries us from horse travel to jet (he has averaged 53,000 miles travel per year since 1926). He ushers us from isolationism in American life to a world balance of power; from a narrow sectarianism in religion to a breadth and maturity that accept great challenges. Always he has been pastor to a world parish. President Roosevelt's description of him as America's "spiritual ambassador of good will" is fully borne out.

Rapidly but gracefully I have moved through the drawing rooms and offices of presidents, statesmen and rulers, of leaders in business, entertainment and religion. The author has allowed me to peek into the inner recesses of some of the great Christian, military, and sociological movements of this century. I have shouted with laughter at some of the humorous episodes described, as I have wept from a pathos known by this family and their associates.

Constantly through this book is woven the brilliant thread of Christian Endeavor, giving it unity and purpose. The ecumenical movement itself was born but three years before this man. If the vision of Francis E. Clark gave it birth in Portland in 1881, the vision and life ministry of Daniel A. Poling gave it life and power. Herein I have seen it anew.

I am going to read this book again. It is a biography that reads like a novel, a novel that reads like history, a history that reads like an adventure story. What sights and what glory this man has seen! Truly I too have seen His glory through the eyes of my beloved friend—and I have seen the glory of His men.

Copies of "Mine Eyes Have Seen" can be ordered from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. The cost is \$5.00. A fine Christmas gift idea—or secure a copy for your own library.



Help for the New Year

Psalm 121; Hebrews 13:6

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JANUARY 3

Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas*

Introduction

Everyone needs help in order to live whether he realizes it or not, whether he acknowledges it or not. From the time one is a newborn infant to the day he breathes his last he is dependent upon others for that which sustains, nourishes and enriches life.

Recognizing that to live in the ordinary sense of the word means being dependent upon others for help, we should also be aware of the fact that the same holds true for the quality of that living as revealed in character development, moral standards and spiritual depth and vitality. Therefore, as we stand at the portal of a New Year we ought to ask ourselves: "Where is to be found the best help that we can avail ourselves of in order that we may live our days the most nobly?"

The Best Source of Help

The writer of Psalm 121 has the answer which experience had taught him, an answer that the generations since have confirmed. He writes: "My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth." The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews (13:6) echoes these words as well as asserts the confidence that His help bestows: "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Can this be said of any other helper that a man may turn to in his need?

If one is to live the best possible life this year, nothing is so important as beginning aright. If that is faulty, then no matter how splendidly one performs afterwards he will never arrive at his intended destination. To believe otherwise would be as ridiculous as boarding a train bound for Florida when you had planned to be in Chicago upon the train's arrival at its destination. To begin aright is half the battle which makes the rest of it much easier to see to a successful conclusion.

How Is Help Received?

Let Jesus instruct us in this matter. His way of securing God's help was through prayer. Have you ever noted as you read your Bible how often the practice of prayer is mentioned by Jesus? Here is a sampling of references: Matthew 11:25,26; 14:19,23; 19:13; 26:53; Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16; 6:12; 9:28,29; 11:41,42; 22:41ff; 23:46. There is scarcely an aspect of life not used by Jesus as an occasion for prayer. Whatever the situation or occasion the factor common to all is that He prayed at the beginning of the experience. Before anything else was done He would pray. How much more then should we pray in order to obtain God's help who need it even more. And what better way is there than at the start of each day?

What God's Help Can Do

How do you begin your day? Like most of us with hustle and bustle? How different

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Since to live we all are dependent on help, what does the group think about such sources as money, powerful or influential friends, the government? Can one who turns to these say, "I need not fear what man shall do to me?"

2. How will help from God through prayer enable us to make a better community in which to live?

3. As a result of this discussion what resolutions are you now willing to make and keep with God's help? Think in terms of personal character, relations with others, and your relationship with the church.

our days would be if only we would take the time to hold communion with our heavenly Father at the start of each new day. Much that now clouds even the sunniest of days, that provokes our baser nature, that hinders us from accomplishing our true objectives could be eliminated by the simple expedient of starting each day aright, with God, and that way is with prayer.

Again, in our actions, if only we would begin with God, much that is regrettable and shameful could be avoided and much sorrow and many tears spared. It is thoughtlessness or self-centeredness that causes us to do many things, which if we had but given a passing thought to God, we would have refrained from doing, convinced of their wrongness.

It will take deliberate effort to think of God first before acting because we are so much the children of impulse and pride. Yet it is a simple procedure that will pay rich dividends in friendships preserved, suffering spared others, and an easier conscience in the presence of God and your fellow man. All that one has to do is to ask himself this simple question: "What would Jesus do if He were faced with this situation?" or, "What will Jesus think of me if I do this?"

Finally, in the words we speak, if only we would think of God before we open our mouths, much that is wounding and false would be left unspoken and the guilt of having hurt and offended others would not be charged to our account. The Christian in his speaking should be guided by the words of Peter when he wrote: "If any speak let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11); that is, those words which are pleasing to God. But, again, this requires the prior activity of beginning with God before speaking. If we would make it a practice to think of how our words would sound if it were God to whom we were speaking, then our lips would be sealed more often and our tongue held in with stronger bit and bridle. The tragedy of speaking before considering God is that words once uttered can never be wholly retracted and apology can never fully remove the hurt or harm which they have inflicted.

It needs but this simple practice, that of beginning all things with God, from whom

cometh our help, to make the year ahead one of the happiest, the most blessed, the most productive and rewarding in your life. Each day will be an enriching experience in Christlike development and much that you have regretted in the past as to your shortcomings and failures will no longer torment and shame.

But a final word needs yet to be said and that is, it is not only needful to begin all things with God but also to continue in all things so well begun with God, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus is given only to those who press on toward that mark. Nevertheless, to begin with God is the important step to take in the New Year. The joy you will experience and the thankfulness you will feel in having taken this step will be the inspiration, in most instances, that will urge you to walk the rest of the way with Him too.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to Worship: The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Hymn: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Scripture: Psalm 121

Hymn: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Special Music (solo or quartet): *Sweet Hour of Prayer or Now I Belong to Jesus*

Presentation and Discussion of Topic

Hymn: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Christian Endeavor Pledge

Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Benediction

Promoting the Meeting

Buy New Year's cards which are blank on the inside. Write a personal invitation to the members and friends of the group to come and share in a discussion of the best way to make this New Year a banner one in personal living. Be sure to note date, time and place of meeting on the card. Send these out right after Christmas.

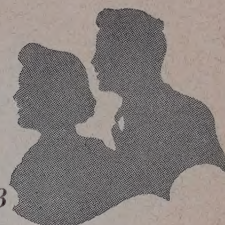
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It is said that the following prayer was first uttered by a soldier. "Heavenly Father, give us serenity to accept what cannot be changed, courage to change what should be changed and wisdom to know one from the other." With that as our daily prayer sincerely uttered we cannot help but live more bravely, more graciously, more in keeping with the will of our heavenly Father.

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.

One Step at a Time

Proverbs 4:18



Junior High (12-14 Years)

JANUARY 3

Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong*

AIMS

1. To call young people to decision and Christian commitment.
2. To learn to trust Christ in everyday events and follow Him.
3. To establish in early life the habits of trust and faith for the future of life.

Introduction

Have you ever heard someone speak who had so much to say and was so anxious to say it that his sentences and words were just and the strange result was an unintelligible sentence? You have all tried the little phrases like, "Susan sells seashells," or "Rubber baby buggy bumpers." The trouble is that the mind rolls ahead and the words do not seem to be able to catch up. This is a parable sometimes of our life. We are so anxious about the future that we worry ourselves out of the present. We are admonished, in this topic, to take one step at a time.

The leader will be conscious that, since this topic is directed to Junior High youth, there is not too much trouble with worry. However, the things young people worry about are very real and yet very different from the worries of adults.

Ask the young people to list, anonymously, some of the things that worry them. There are a few: school work, dates, being accepted by the crowd, being popular, being good at sports, physical appearance, etc. Most young people of this age group do not worry much about food, shelter, clothing, or jobs. Yet it is very important to instill in Junior High youth a proper outlook on life and a trust in God. If we learn to trust Him now, as adults we shall know the real meaning of walking "one step at a time."

Text for the Topic

The Christian must learn to walk in daily obedience to the Saviour, Jesus Christ. In order to illumine this truth read Proverbs 4:18 from your King James Bible. Then read the same text in the Revised Standard Version.

You cannot expect to be a full-fledged Christian all at once; you must grow. Think of it in the light of mathematics. Before you study algebra you will have to know addition, subtraction, division, and multiplication. This begins with simple stuff like $2+2=4$ or $4+1=5$. However, it is necessary. So our Christian life must proceed step by step, day by day.

The Dawning Light

The translation of the passage before us suggests that the Christian walk is like the light of dawn. If this is true it breaks through darkness. Let the leader stop at this point and ask what darkness symbolizes. It is said of Jesus in John 1:4: "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."

Thus the dawning of light comes to men through our Lord Jesus Christ. In order to walk one step at a time we must walk with Him, by Him, and in Him.

It may be that as a Junior High student you do not fully understand. Sometime in the next few years you will have to make a decision about Christ. One of the basic

principles of Christian Endeavor is personal commitment to Christ. It means you will want to accept Him as your personal Saviour and then be caught up in the fellowship of Christ's people—the Church. For this is another basic principle of Christian Endeavor, loyalty to Christ's Church.

Depending, of course, on the custom of your particular church, this would be a good time to pause and perhaps silently pray that God would touch some young person and that he or she might be born again and see the true light.

(Sing at this time the hymn, *Just as I Am, Thine Own to Be*.)

The Growing Light

You will now notice that once the first step has been taken the next must follow. I am sure that every Christian Endeavorer is aware of the importance of the Quiet Hour. It is thus that we can grow.

Someone might now read Psalm 119:105, 130. This passage shows how we may receive more and more light from God's Word. We also know that sometimes this wonderful light is dark, because we cannot use it. Imagine entering a room full of fluorescent bulbs but being unable to find the switch. The Bible may be like that.

Ask someone to help you. Look in the church library. Speak to your pastor. Read another besides the King James Bible—the Revised Standard Version or the Berkeley Version or Phillips' translation, which is excellent for young people.

Have someone now read Matthew 14:29-31. In order to go one step at a time we must exercise our faith. Do you think Peter could have walked on the water? What was Peter looking at? At what should he have been looking?

Next have someone read Matthew 6:30-33. Someone in your society ought to know about the wonders of the lilies and the grass. Perhaps the leader might ask someone before the meeting to prepare a brief description of a flower.

Jesus said, "If God clothes the grass and the flowers so beautifully will He not care for you?" Here we have the important lesson of trust in God. We believe He cares for all. Does He, therefore, care for us? "His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me."

Take No Thought

Read verse 31 again. This is a strange verse in a way. In order to get the full meaning out of it read it thus: "Therefore do not be anxious . . ." (R.S.V.). Do you suppose that by this passage God means we are to be careless? Judge these two cases:

(a) John never studies. He says, "That's for the birds." When the test comes he believes God will help him through but he fails. Is there something wrong with God or with John? Analyze the problem.

(b) Harry is a careful student. He does his home work conscientiously. He studies the night before his test. He believes God will help him through and he gets an A. What is the difference between Harry and John? In the light of these stories what do you think it means not to be anxious?

It is important for all young people to get this idea straight in their mind. God wants us to work and to work hard. At the same time God asks us to trust Him. Thus to be anxious means to worry so much about the future that we forget the promises of God. Have someone read Exodus 17:6. Now read Numbers 20:7-11. What did the children of Israel forget? How many times when we have problems do we forget the many earlier times when the Lord really helped us out!

The Trials of Faith

Have someone read I Peter 1:5-8. It may be a bit difficult at your age to understand exactly what it means to have trials for the faith. But perhaps you will know sometime what it means when other young people look at you strangely when they discover there are things you do not do and places where you do not go because you are a Christian. So God sometimes tests us. But this testing is for our benefit—it strengthens our faith!

The Living Light

We must now try to summarize the lesson of this topic for the New Year. Paul gives good advice in Philippians 3:13, 14.

We must forget the past. This does not mean we do not learn from it, but we forget, for Christ's sake, its failures and weaknesses. Then we strain forward and press on. But do not run! One step at a time.

The Final Perfect Day

The "full day" will come when at last we have grown to Christian maturity and then see Jesus as He is. This, of course, seems very far away to Junior High school students and we trust it is. However, it remains the hope of the Christian. Trust Jesus day by day. Walk with Him daily. The best is yet to be!

Suggested Hymns

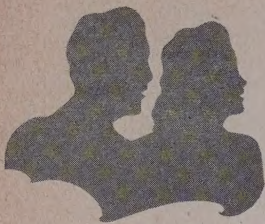
Hymns that could be appropriately used with this topic are: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*; *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*; and *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*.

Closing Poem

John Wesley had this for his rule of life:

"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as you can."

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World's Squeeze or God's Mold

No. 1 in a Series: "The Christian Endeavor Chapter"

Romans 12:1,2

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JANUARY 19

Comments by Dr. William W. McKinney*

Promoting the Meeting

Use posters to announce the theme of the meeting in the form of a personal choice. Which should it be? Defend your choice tonight in a frank discussion. Urge everyone to bring a Bible. Use a large picture of Christ on the worship center.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*
Scriptural Roll Call
Hymn: *Now I Belong to Jesus*
Prayer Period
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *More Like the Master*
Scripture: Romans 12:1,2
Leader's Introduction
Discussion by Three Speakers
Question and Answer Period
Hymn: *Trust and Obey*
Closing Prayer and Benediction

Leader's Introduction

In these next three meetings we shall enjoy together the study of the twelfth chapter of Romans which we have always claimed as the Christian Endeavor chapter. The opening verses selected for today form the turning point of the entire epistle. Paul, in the preceding eleven chapters, has dramatically portrayed God's loving provision for our spiritual blessing. Now he turns from dogma to conduct, from the "what" of faith to the "how" of conduct.

Because of these "mercies of God" which he has been explaining, Paul exhorts us to live a life worthy of our love for Christ and of His love for us. The very least that we might desire to do in gratitude would be to present our bodies as instruments for His will and service. Paul in the entire chapter is presenting precepts which are practical, pointed, purposeful and progressive. Study the first two verses word by word. Note how definitely Paul applies Christian precepts to everyday life.

Our modern machine age is geared to mass production of everything that we can use or enjoy. The effect of our high pressure advertising is social conformity in dress, habits, tastes and standards. Because everybody is buying it, or wearing it, or doing it, we are urged to conform to popular standards.

Compliance is so easy and expedient. It takes courage to be Christian and different.

Our discussion today seeks to challenge Christian young people to replace this popular conformity by heeding the admonition of Paul in the first two verses of our Christian Endeavor chapter. We would remind ourselves of the four basic principles of Christian Endeavor. We pause now to repeat them together. Our chief loyalty is always to Christ's church. We need to recall frequently our pledge, "Trusting in the

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AIMS

1. To make familiar words of Scripture more meaningful.
2. To examine your individual tendency to conform to the conduct of the crowd.
3. To surrender more completely to Christ.
4. To stimulate greater courage in setting a Christian example.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What virtues are most evident in Christians?
2. What sins are the hardest to conquer?
3. What is hindering your spiritual growth?
4. Where do young people find it most difficult to set a good example? In school, in sports, at home or in social life? Why?

Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him." Three of our members will now discuss Paul's three suggestions.

First Speaker—Surrender to Christ

If we would avoid conformity to worldly standards, we must first surrender ourselves to Christ. We must pledge to Him our lifelong loyalty. A master is one to whom we give our heart in full surrender and for whom we will make any sacrifice. Some people make love of money or thirst for power or pleasure the master of their life's ambition. Others have personal gratification of self as their master passion. Still others find in Communism the master to whom they dedicate their noblest ambitions.

We all need a master to unify our desires and to give purpose to daily activity. Christ presents Himself as the ideal Master. He demands complete surrender. "Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; and so I am" (John 13:13). Our bodies are the vehicle of our response to Christ. In Christ we have sufficient resources to do whatever He would have us do.

Second Speaker—Molded by Christ

When we surrender to Christ, He molds our character and conduct. He transforms or changes our lives by altering our aspirations and desires. Make a list of the traits of character you believe are most valuable for your personal happiness and your usefulness to Christ and society as a whole. You will include humility, not egotism; kindness, not arrogance; a thankful, not a grumbling attitude; cheerfulness instead of complaint; parental love rather than material advantages. Character traits of that type add greatly to human happiness and are attainable by rich and poor.

The realization that Christ enables us to go on and on getting better each year and continually improving in nobility of Christ-like character, yet never reaching the summit, is Christianity's alluring and distinctive challenge to youth. The greatest saints have never claimed perfection of character. The noblest souls have never rested satisfied in their spiritual experiences.

We can never reach perfection of character. But we can set an example which will be of help to other young people. Consistent living is the most effective Christian testimony. Actions always speak louder than words. Be ye living epistles. By your character, demonstrate "what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

Third Speaker—Service for Christ

Christ's purpose in molding our character is that we might thereby be fitted to render to Him our "reasonable service." With a trained body and a disciplined mind, we can do more for Christ than when we are weakened by sin or laziness. Young people of good character can be Christ's most useful servants.

Most of us are frequently guilty of sin of omission in service. We fail to live up to our noble intentions. Today is a good time to recall some of these neglected opportunities of service. Paul lived an abundant life of service. Yet he never felt satisfied with what he had done. He resolved constantly to press harder to attain "the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). Christ is always challenging us to attempt greater deeds of service.

We learn Christ's will better as we serve Him. We learn by doing. Experience is our best teacher. Our service for Christ is not for a brief period nor for the few years we may hold office in a Christian Endeavor society or in church. The great tragedy of the life of so many Christians is that the attack evils with enthusiasm and consecration but forget the importance of the long pull. They grow weary in well doing. They cherish the illusion that they have done their part and somebody else ought to serve in their place. Even on the cross Christ continued His ministry until death silenced His lips. Our own vision of service becomes clearer to us as we follow His example of lifetime service for Christ and His church.

Quotes for Discussion

Arthur Miller, whose play, "The Death of a Salesman," won the Pulitzer Prize in 1949, is quoted as saying: "America will soon face the most profound spiritual struggle of its history against a uniformity brought on by a tremendously industrialized society. The problem will not be solved by a new refrigerator which cannot keep a soul from spoiling." Do you agree? What solution do you suggest?

Another popular playwright, author of the Broadway hit, "Cue for Passion," writes: "What the world needs most is spiritual leadership. We need a return to nobility of behavior, decency of behavior and recognition of the potentials of man as a feeling and loving creature. I believe the human race will never progress just on the basis of its material goods. There needs to be more emphasis on spiritual values." If Elmer Rice is right, what is the responsibility of Christians?

World's Squeeze or God's Mold

No. 1 in a Series: "The Christian Endeavor Chapter"

Romans 12:1,2

Junior High (12-14 Years)

JANUARY 10



Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper*

Sponsor Leadership and Planning

This is the first of a three-topic series. The sponsor, therefore, should make plans to correlate all three topics and cover the materials which are assigned for the three topics. He should also work with the weekly leader and properly advertise the Christian Endeavor work. Invite the pastor to give suggestions and advertise through the church bulletin.

This Week's Leader

This week's leader should be familiar with things which are important to this lesson. He should know the basic principles, the Pledge, and have a good knowledge of Romans 12. Copies of the Pledge should be made available to all members. He should be able to discuss intelligently the connection between Romans 12:1,2 and the third basic principle.

Lesson Aim

To impart spiritual truth about man and his relationship with Christ and the Church.

Suggested Program Outline

Prelude: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Call to Worship and Invocation
Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
Offering (Music: *I Surrender All*)
Scripture: Romans 12:1,2
Prayer
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Topic Discussion and Questions
Consecration Prayer
Announcements
Benediction

Leader's Talk

Will everyone please turn to Romans 12 in his Bible. (*Give time for this.*) We have already heard the first and second verses read to us.

This entire chapter is called the Christian Endeavor chapter. It was written by Paul to the Roman Church. Paul is trying to show the Roman people how they should live for Christ. Their entire being should be submitted to Him.

Nothing less than our best will please God. This is not unreasonable. God has done much for us. We should try to give a little payment for that which we have received. All we can do will not pay for the suffering of Christ on the cross. Nothing we can do will completely repay God for His love to us.

In the topics we will see how this chapter is related to Christian Endeavor. We will see why it is called the Christian Endeavor chapter.

The Third Principle

The third basic principle of Christian Endeavor is "Loyalty to Christ's Church." We talk a lot about loyalty but often the true meaning is forgotten.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How do we repent and how are we accepted by Christ?
2. What is the proper behavior for Junior High youth?
3. What are some things we may sacrifice for Christ?
4. What are the earthly rewards for self-sacrifice?
5. How may one person renounce the world?
6. What do we mean by "Risen with Christ"?
7. What is the advantage in renewing our pledge to Christ and the Church?

Paul told the Romans how to be loyal. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice." This is more than part-time service. This is more than attending church just when we want to go.

Often today what we call loyalty is not a sacrifice. True loyalty demands much of the individual. Webster defines loyalty as faithfulness to a friend, promise, or duty.

If we are faithful to the local church we will know about its program. We will know about the work that should be done. We will find a place to work for God. Supporting Christian Endeavor will strengthen the life of the individual and will also increase the power of the local church.

Loyalty to the local church also leads to denominational loyalty and finally to loyalty to the Church in general. It is not enough to be interested just in our own community. Jesus told us to take the Gospel to all the world. Loyalty to Christ's Church means we are interested in world missions. Our interest, if it is to meet the definition of loyalty, must be shown through active support and participation in the world program.

The Other Principles

In stressing loyalty to Christ's Church we should not forget the other three principles. Christian life begins with an open confession of Christ. This confession must continue as we live and witness for Him. No person is too lowly or too mighty to hear the story of Christ from us. Our service for Him should be endless. No job is too small or too large for the consecrated Christian.

Also, believers should have fellowship with other believers. Each believer is a part of God's family. All are brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Pledge and Life

The active member's Christian Endeavor Pledge shows us the obligation of each Christian. Each part of the Pledge teaches us some responsibility. Each statement should be a part of our life. It is a guide to our daily activities and the way we spend our time.

We should not take the Pledge lightly. After all, each of these points is just a reasonable service which we can render to Christ and the Church. God demands nothing

unreasonable of us. He demands only what any good Christian should be willing and ready to do. So much has been done for us. Surely we can willingly do more for Him.

Supreme Christian Obligation

The supreme obligation may rightfully be divided into two distinct parts.

First, we are obligated to surrender all for Christ. This means that His will must come first in our life. This will must be stronger than our own will. It must come before our own desires. It must come before family ties and bonds of friendship. It must come before money and pleasure.

The Bible says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). From this written promise we should gain the strength to surrender all to Christ and His Church.

The second part of man's obligation is the going forth to transform the world. Before this can be done man must himself be transformed. After Christ has come into his heart he can then begin a service which will make a lasting impression on the things which surround him. Too many have used the excuse, "What can one person do?" As a result, few people are doing anything.

We should begin by uniting. Christian Endeavor has helped in this capacity for many decades. Those who endeavor for Christ work with others for the advancement of Christianity.

After uniting we should come to a common understanding of the reforms which are needed. When we work for Christian reform we are working for Christ. When a program is presented by those who plan reforms for us we should give our wholehearted support to the movement. We should show to the world that we are "Risen with Christ" and follow the standards which He taught.

This may mean that we will be rejected by someone close to us. It may mean that we will be looked upon as a heretic by our own generation. Many great leaders have suffered for their beliefs and standards. They were called crazy or cracked. When we stop and think, however, we know that "light" comes through cracks. Through these people the light of Christianity has come to us. Will we pass this light on to other future generations?

Observing Consecration Sunday

Many societies devote a part of one meeting each month to renewing their obligation to endeavor for Christ and the Church. We should always be conscious of the supreme obligation which we have to Christ and the Church. Through Him we live and move and have our being. Through His Church we work for His kingdom, witness to His mercy, and win others to a knowledge of salvation. With the help of consecrated Christians from all nations we can go forth to transform the world for Christ.

Gifts--Use Them or Lose Them

No. 2 in a Series: "The Christian Endeavor Chapter"

Romans 12:3-8

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JANUARY 17



Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart*

To the Leader

Perhaps you would like to do some reviewing since the topic last Sunday also had as its scriptural foundation the 12th chapter of Paul's epistle to the Romans. Therefore, study the chapter with this thought in mind and make some comments about verses one and two.

Interview at least ten people and try to uncover their reactions to this topic. How many young people in your society would you say are truly gifted? What do they do in your presence or in public that makes you think they are gifted?

Publicity

Make a poster advertising this topic and have scattered around it such words as these: "Endowed," "Aptitude," "Gifted," "Natural Ability," and "Special Talent."

Try to secure pictures of people to illustrate various talents, such as a singer, orchestra leader, instrumentalist, or any other field where people have special gifts. In large letters place under these pictures, "If they don't use their gifts, will they lose them?"

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymn: *Only a Touch*

Appropriate Poem

Scripture Lesson: Romans 12:3-8

Prayer Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*

Prayer Time (special prayer requests)

Announcements and Offering

Leader's Talk

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Speakers

Our Aim and Life Problem

Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

Period of Meditation and Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

When our fingers touch the pages of Paul's epistle to the Romans, we have reached the practical portion of this epistle the moment we come to the twelfth chapter. Here is the output of the plan of salvation in terms of daily living and serving.

Observe that from the first verse of this chapter we are under instruction to surrender ourselves to God and so lay a good foundation. This is the place to begin.

The King's highway of service is paved with sacrifice. It is the underlying principle of the Christian religion. Without it Christianity does not exist.

Jesus Christ became a dying sacrifice that we might become for Him a living sacrifice. To pour out our blood, in one act of supreme sacrifice, how quickly decided and done, but such sacrifice He seldom asks. To pour our blood—red, vitalized blood, rich with witnessing purpose, still coursing through our veins eager for expression—to pour such blood into the cause for which He died, and for which we live, this is the sacrifice that He seeks from us and that we are so slow to bestow. Personality, redeemed and yielded, is the power He must use.

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DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

1. How many gifted people are on the sidelines in your church who have not time to use their gifts for Christ and the Church?

2. With the topic in mind, enumerate some gifts that you will lose if you do not use them. Write them on a blackboard.

3. Is it true that there is a place within the church for every gifted soul? If so, how does it add up in your church? Are all the gifted souls occupied for Jesus Christ in ways that would please Him?

4. Should one pray for more gifts when he isn't using the gifts he already has? Do we get gifts by praying for them? What gift would you like to have?

5. Do you envy the fellow that has many gifts? Does he, with these gifts, not have a greater responsibility before God? Think of the tragedy if he fails to use them for the glory of God.

Observe verse three, for here you will find a sober opinion of ourselves. We must take heed lest we have too great an opinion of ourselves or put too high a valuation upon our own judgments, abilities, persons, and performances. We must not be self-conceited nor esteem too much our own wisdom and other attainments. The children of God should deny, but not undervalue themselves. They should be humble but not base.

Why are we to have such a sober opinion of ourselves, our abilities, our attainments?

1. *Because whatever we have that is good has come from God.* James tells us in his epistle (1:17) that every good gift comes from above. What have we that we have not received from God? Don't look at your hand and say, "The gift you make known and reveal to others has made me their superior. My might and power hath gotten this gift." That is vain reasoning and never forget it. We should think how kind God has been to us, for it is He that gives us power to do anything that is good; and in Him, our God, is our sufficiency.

2. *Because God deals out His gifts according to His own yardstick.* Note verses 3 and 6: "The measure of faith."—"According to the grace"—"Proportion of faith." Don't go beyond the knowledge and grace you have received. Don't be wise above that which is written and indulge yourself in fanciful interpretations of the Word of God. Keep within your own sphere. One must guard against being puffed up or full of pride, because of the several gifts he may possess. We must know and observe the just measure and proportion of the gift entrusted to us, not to gratify our pride, but to edify the Church. John 3:34 will inform you that Jesus Christ had the Spirit given Him without measure. But not so the saints of light; they have the Spirit by measure (Ephesians 4:7).

3. *Because we do not have a monopoly upon God's gifts to us.* Verse 3 says, "To every man"; verse 6, "Gifts differing." If we were the sole recipients of spiritual

gifts, we might have some grounds to be conceited; but others have their share as well as we. There are several things you should know:

1. God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith (v. 3).

2. We as members of His body have not all the same office (v. 4).

3. We are members of His Body—the Church (v. 5).

4. We stand in relation to one another (v. 5).

5. There will be a diversity of gifts (v. 6).

We should thank God for all the abilities He has given us and use them for His glory. It is useless to wail to the leaden skies because He has not given us the same talents He has entrusted to someone else.

Paul lists the following gifts of the Spirit. It is not exhaustive, but rather suggestive; prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, generosity, government, showing mercy. Today we expect the pastor to shine at each of these difficult tasks. He cannot do it unless he is a superman. Is your pastor so busy running the machinery of the church that he has not enough time to devote to his special work of prophecy, teaching, and exhortation? Do not blame him. We believe in a working congregation, where each member devotes his special talents to the service of God. What are you doing with your gifts from God? Do you really believe this topic, "Gifts—Use them or lose them?"

1st Speaker

Money we may earn by our own intelligence and diligence, but God gave us that intelligence and diligence. We must have a dedicated purse.

2nd Speaker

The lowest gifts are as much God's as the highest. Our gifts ought to be thrown by us into the common treasury of the church, for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

3rd Speaker

The measure of the faith is the measure of the life. If we wish to raise the standard of our life, we must begin by elevating our faith. The greatest business of life is to square our words and actions to the faith which God has given us.

Our Aim

To make clear to everyone that all ability comes from God. A Christian returns his talents to the Giver of every good and every perfect gift. Gifts are to be used and not abused.

Life Problem

Mary wanted to become a missionary. She wrote to denominational headquarters, stating what she could do and what she could not, asking if she might serve Christ on the mission field. She expected something dramatic and exciting, but the word came that the board of missions needed a telephone operator on a widespread mission project. Could she serve Jesus Christ in this capacity? Do you think this was a blow to Mary?

Gifts--Use Them or Lose Them

No. 2 in a Series: "The Christian Endeavor Chapter"

Romans 12:3-8



Junior High (12-14 Years)

JANUARY 17

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh^o

Our Poster

Cut two pictures of attractive youth from current magazines (or if you have an artist your group have him draw these). Place in far corners of the cardboard. In the center draw a church steeple. In white space print: "Gifts--Use Them or Lose Them." Talk about your investment in the church tonight. Christian Endeavor—P.M.

Inventory Meeting

This is to be a consecration meeting. Let every member make an inventory of his talents—whether there be several or one—and honestly inquire whether he has faithfully used them. Remember, we cannot be sure whether we have a certain talent or not until we have tried. If we have been willing to use these gifts, let this service be a warning and an appeal to "stir up the gift that is within us."

Our Gifts

God has endowed each of us with some unique gift. If we do not express it, this gift will go forever unexpressed. That suggests a loss not only to God but to ourselves.

Now it would be too bad if all God's singers were sopranos, and it would be even worse if they were all basses. But in this world where there are sopranos, basses, contraltos, tenors, and baritones, with all tones and timbres, there is a chance for splendid harmony—God's chorus would be unfeebled without a bass section and would be less bright without the sopranos. The kettle drum has always appealed to youth but we certainly would not advocate an orchestra composed of kettle drums.

Christ's coming into the world confers upon each individual a sense of his own worth, a sense of the fact that he is infinitely precious in the sight of God. He is assured of the fact that God can use him and his talents to an eternal and infinitely glorious purpose.

This sense of one's power to contribute is made most vivid for us in the idea of vocation. This is the idea that each of us has his calling to which God bids him, which he ignores to his own unhappiness and to the eternal impoverishment of the world. Thus we must consider earnestly how we will invest the gifts God has given us.

The Consecration of Talents

Read Matthew 25:14-30. "Talents" in Jesus' day meant money. Today the word means ability and skill. The story Jesus told is concerned not with talents, but with how people use them. The owner in the story expected that the talents would be used for a good purpose.

When an individual joins church and Christian Endeavor, he enters a Christian vocation. He promises to lead a consistent Christian life in all his relationships. That

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OUR AIMS

1. To realize that every Endeavorer has some gift important to Christ and the Church.
2. To emphasize the fact that when one neglects to use his gifts, he loses them.
3. To show how today's church offers room for the investment of every youth's talents, be they great or small.

QUESTIONS

1. What talents have we to give to Christ?
2. How does Christian Endeavor help develop our gifts?
3. Why are our talents described in the parable as "his goods"?
4. What is meant by "trading" with our talents?
5. Discuss the law of "Use or Lose" as applied to our talents.
6. Discuss the sin of the "one-talent man."

includes his talents, his skills, his job. His work should be done to the glory of God.

Not Talent, But Use

No one is responsible for the talents he possesses, these are endowments, gifts of the Creator. God will never hold us responsible for the materials He has given us, but for our use of them. The secret of success in every sphere of life is not talent, nor genius, nor a happy combination of favorable circumstances; it is "faithfulness" with what we have. Jesus says, "If thou art faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

Greatness in any sphere is the result of many little things well done. "Real accomplishment in any line comes as the coral reefs are built, by the deposit of one tiny cell of fidelity to duty upon another, till thousands of unnoticed fidelities form into visible greatness. An isolated instance of devotion to duty is like a single drop of rain. Days full of such stern fidelities are like a fall of rain, bringing life to flower and fruitage."

A task well done, no matter how small or ordinary, will be a stepping-stone to something greater and better. The world is looking for young men and women who are able to do common things in an uncommon way. The leaders in the world's work have had the genius of fidelity, faithfulness to details, exactness, correctness, promptness, thoroughness. "Let every occasion be a great occasion, for you cannot tell when fate may be taking your measure for a larger place."

Use or Lose

This is nature's inexorable law that failure to use any faculty of the mind, or organ of the body, results in the loss of that faculty or organ. The arm that is not used becomes palsied. The mole that made no use of its eyes became blind. The musician's fingers will lose their swift and delicate touch, unless they are kept in constant use. Valuable machinery worth millions of dollars becomes useless junk, consumed by rust, if left unused.

What an awful fate befell the servant in

the parable, whose one fault was that he did nothing. We cannot stand still. We cannot just hold our own, morally or spiritually; we must either gain or lose.

Stewards of God

We have nothing that we have not received from God. All has been given us by Him, in trust, and every one of us must give an account of this stewardship to God. Maltbie Babcock says, "We owe everything to God but our sins."

Our parentage, our home life, our educational advantages, our Christian training, our country, every accomplishment, every member of the body and faculty of the mind are God's gifts. We need to remind ourselves that we have earned none of these, but have received them from God, and that we need, to faithfully improve and use them for His service.

The Church Needs My Gifts

A church cannot run itself. Without the investment of personality and wealth the church will fail. The measure of my responsibility is therefore to be found in the gifts which God has given me, whether, they be in the form of ability to serve, or ability to give, or both.

And that involves the whole program of the church. Sometimes you will find a man who says, "Here are ten dollars for the church, but, mind you, not one cent for missions." So far as he is concerned every missionary both at home and abroad could starve, and the work of spreading the Gospel could die out. All he cares for is the church that ministers to him and his family.

Why Lose an Opportunity?

In one number of the *Household Words*, Dickens describes a visit to what he calls Skitzland. A man digging a hole in the garden, broke through the crust of the earth, and fell into the interior. Here he found a strange land, the peculiarity of which was that, while every person was born physically perfect, at a certain age any part of the body which had not been used was lost entirely, leaving only the bones. Thus a coachman had only stomach and hands; a lawyer had no legs, but a massive jaw; some fashionable young ladies were only a pair of eyes and a bunch of nerves; the schoolmaster had only his heart left. There is a large measure of truth in this as to the spiritual life. The punishment for not doing good and bearing fruit to God is the loss of power and opportunity to bear fruit.

Program Helps

Bible—Matthew 13:1-9,18-23; Psalm 110:3; I Timothy 4:12-16.

Hymns—*Jesus Calls Us; There's a New Day Dawning; Challenge of the New Day.*

Feature—Develop a questionnaire which young people can answer in the light of their ability to serve. Ask questions like these: (1) Can you sing? (2) Can you lead a group in recreational activities? (3) Do you desire expression through dramatic activities? (4) Do you like to work with children?

Leader's Talk: "Use or Lose"



Practice What You Preach

No. 3 in a Series: "The Christian Endeavor Chapter"

Romans 12:9-21

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JANUARY 2

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess*

Aims

Discover practices of Christian life.
Relate simplicity of verses to Christian living.

Find areas related to the pledge.
Discover ways youth can practice these verses in daily living.

Discover one's "rights" in the light of these teachings.

Reflect on being a partner with God.

Advertising

Have a sharp fellow and girl work out a short dialogue on a real life situation which would end with the words, "Practice what you preach." Use during announcement time the week before or in the Sunday school hour. Use the telethon plan to get all to the meeting that is possible (Arrange your group into fours. The first one in each group calls the second, the second the third, etc. until all have been reached).

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Preparation for Worship (A soloist could sing, *My Saviour's Love*)

Reading of Scripture (Have three young people prepared to read a few verses each of the topic verses)

Prayer Time (Let each of the youth reading Scripture take part)

Sing Time: *Living for Jesus; In the Service of the King; Blessed Assurance; Spirit of the Living God*

Leader's Introduction

Daily Reading Application (Seven youth can tell what they experienced as they applied the meaning; the Daily Readings can be found on Page 18)

Buzz Session (Divide into six groups, taking the Scripture text and applying it to the six aims listed above)

Buzz Group Reports

Counselor's Summary

Closing Hymn: *More Like the Master*

Benediction

Guidance for the Leader

The success of this meeting will depend largely upon the ones you select to head up the buzz sessions. If you do not think of enough young people who can lead these groups draw in some of the mothers and dads who as teachers and leaders in the church would help the young people to think through their area in relation to the topic verses.

It will take a little time for each group to go through the thirteen verses and prepare their findings for report to the group. Perhaps ten minutes for the buzz group, and two minutes each for the reports would be all the time that you have.

Be sure to warn everyone of the time limits, and have a bell or some reminder to indicate when time is up.

You might prepare for each buzz leader a report sheet with the aim to be considered

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PLEDGE

Tune: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Trusting in Christ for strength, dear Lord, today,

We gladly consecrate our lives to Thee;
We'll read Thy blessed Word and daily pray
That in communion true we'll faithful be.

We will support Thy work and worship true

Of Thy beloved church and service too

We here will take our part in meetings called,
And all activities of our C. E.

We will seek youth to bring, dear Lord, to Thee,

Give us we can to spread Thy Gospel free,
Promote Christian principles from sea to sea,
Provide true fellowship, O Lord, in Thee.

These things we'll surely do, dear Lord, for Thee

Unless prevented by some reason true,
Which we can tell to Thee with conscience free;

And we'll be guided, Lord, in all by Thee.

at the top and a place for comments to be reported.

Thoughts on the Text

Have some good dictionaries present to look up the words that do not have a clear meaning, such as *dissimulation, abhor, slothful, hospitality, condescend, recompense*.

Note the cross references in connection with some of the verses, that refer to other portions of God's Word, letting the Bible be its own commentary.

Here is an opportunity to prove the depth of our sacrifice to God.

It would be well to allow a bit of time to encourage the memorization of verses 1 and 2 in follow-up of the two preceding meetings.

Considering the Pledge

One of the original pledge forms, introduced early in the Christian Endeavor movement, is as follows:

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and to read the Bible every day, and to support my own church in every way, especially by attending all her regular Sunday and mid-week services, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Saviour; and that, just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life. As an active member I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at and to take some part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor prayer meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master. If obliged to be absent from the monthly consecration meeting of the society, I will, if possible, send at least a verse of Scripture to be read in response to my name at the roll-call.

Though today we may use different form of the pledge we do well to review the "iron-clad" form, which is now Form No.

Hold Fast to the Pledge

Among the last words of the founder, Dr. Francis E. Clark, is this message:

If I could never send another message Christian Endeavorers, I would say, hold fast to the pledge—not in a slavish spirit, but with freedom wherewith Christ makes us free.

Hold fast to it because it emphasizes our high ideals, to do only what Jesus Christ, our Master, would like to have us do.

Hold fast to it because it adds to our weakness His strength. Trusting in it alone, we can achieve success in any work for Him and our fellow men.

Hold fast to it because without prayer and without the Bible to which it commits us, we can do nothing abiding or worthwhile as Christians.

Hold fast to it because it demands loyalty to the Church, as well as to Christ. For without definite and strenuous loyalty to the people of God with whom we have associated ourselves, we shall disastrously sever our influence and power.

Hold fast to it because it enforces the beauty of testimony and outspoken allegiance to Him whose we are and whom we serve. Expression is as necessary to religious growth as the expression of truth. A plant cannot grow unless it expresses its life by its leaves and flowers. Strip off the leaves of a tree for three successive years and it dies. A bird, if it lives, will surely express itself in song. A Christian, if he would grow strong, must express his love for Christ in words and songs and deeds. Every honest word in Him in the prayer meeting, every simplest service on a committee, is an expression of our love to Him.

Hold fast to the pledge because it has been and is the main electric cable of devotion to the prayer meeting which is the power house of the movement.

Hold fast to it because it has been the inspiration of all our many committees, and of our multifarious welfare work for soldiers and sailors for prisoners and shut-ins, for children in free air camps, and for people in all conditions of distress.

Hold fast to it because it is the bond of a world-wide fellowship. In a hundred different languages, in more than one hundred different denominations, on every continent, and in all the great islands of the sea, our simple, reasonable practical pledge is the same in spirit and purpose if not in exact phraseology. Condensed into one line, it is to strive to endeavor, not boastful, but to endeavor earnestly, persistently, humbly to do whatever Jesus Christ our Lord would have us do. This is the gist of Christianity, this is the very gist of Christian Endeavor. Therefore, please God, will give strength and perpetuity to our movement in the long years that stretch before us.

To all the Endeavorers who listen to the words I give my best wishes and my affectionate greeting.

(From the recording of Dr. Clark's Message at the Fortieth Anniversary World's Christian Endeavor Convention in New York City.)

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Practice What You Preach

No. 3 in a Series: "The Christian Endeavor Chapter"

Romans 12:9-21



Junior High (12-14 Years)

JANUARY 24

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb*

Aims

1. To show how Romans 12 is related to Christian living.
2. To show how Romans 12 is related to the Christian Endeavor Pledge.

to the Sponsor

A summary or evaluation of the entire chapter would be a good way to close the series on Romans 12.

Looking ahead, plans should be about completed for the celebration of Christian Endeavor Week, January 31 to February 7.

Planning the Meeting

This is the third lesson in which we are making a definite Bible study in the Christian Endeavor chapter, Romans 12. Secure a copy of J. B. Phillips' translation of the New Testament, or his *Letters to Young Churches*. Have this translation read along with the King James, verse by verse, as it is read and discussed.

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Songs: *I Would Be Like Jesus; O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee; Trusting Jesus.*
Prayer
Scripture: Galatians 5:22,23; II Peter 1:5-7.
As many as can, repeat Romans 12 from memory.
Offering and Announcements
Solo: *An Evening Prayer*
Topic Presentation and Discussion
Summary by Sponsor
Repeat Christian Endeavor Pledge
Sentence Prayers
Mizpah Benediction

Program Material

Romans 12:9. To dissimulate means to pretend. We can always tell the difference between the real and the counterfeit. Paul argues that our love be genuine, and not an imitation love. When we step out for Christ, we must give Him all. We cannot serve God and mammon. Jesus said, "He that is not for me is against me."

Romans 12:10. *Kindliness.* William Penn once said, "I expect to pass through life but once . . . if, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again." What are some little acts of kindness that have been done to you? What are some opportunities for us to show kindnesses to others each day?

Preferring one another. Someone has fittingly said that our greatest enemy is the personal pronoun, "I." Can you let someone else have credit for a job well done? What do you think of the person who is always asking, "What about me"? What is meant by the statement that Jesus was the most selfless person who ever lived?

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QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say"?
2. Do we really know what it means to suffer persecution for Christ?
3. Why is "I can forgive but I cannot forget" another way to say "I will not forgive"?
4. In the light of Romans 12, do we dare say, "I'm going to live my own life as I please," or "It doesn't matter what people think"?
5. Why do you think Romans 12 was selected as the Christian Endeavor chapter? Ask several.

Romans 12:11. *Not slothful . . . serving the Lord.* There is an old Christian Endeavor slogan which is, "A job for everybody, and everybody on the job." Why is this a good slogan? We learn to do by doing, and no matter how small the task we can serve God by doing that task well. How does the admonition, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," apply to Christian Endeavor?

The Lookout Committee members had met for an important meeting. Several minutes after the appointed time the chairman had not arrived. Some one said, "Oh, Kip will be along pretty soon. He's almost always late." Why is this being slothful or slack?

How are we slack in other ways? Do we always make careful preparation when we lead or take part in meetings? Do we have worthwhile business and committee meetings? How would written reports help? (Can you write about something you haven't done?)

Romans 12:12. *Rejoicing in hope.* Christ gives purpose to life. We can inwardly rejoice in our hope in Christ, no matter what happens. When trials come we can endure them patiently because we know that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord, and are called according to His purpose.

Patient in tribulation. God has not promised skies always blue, but He has promised that He will be with us and give us strength for every task and every trial.

Instant in prayer. The Quiet Hour is a very wonderful habit to form early in life. The fifteen minutes set apart each day for quiet communion and meditation are precious, and make it possible to maintain the habit of prayer throughout the day.

Joe was not a Christian. He had been attending Christian Endeavor because he liked the young people. He was a very good friend of George, president of the society. One night Joe stood and said, "You all know that I am not a Christian. I have been coming to the meetings, and I have been listening to the talks, and especially to the prayers which George has made. I've watched him at school. I've decided that he is a genuine Christian, and I want to be one, too." What if George had not practiced what he preached?

Romans 12:13. *Given to hospitality.* A woman complained that she had no refrigerator until she met someone who had no food; she complained that she had no shoes until she met someone who had no feet. Are we ever so much in need that there is not someone who is worse off? Does your missionary committee have a project for sharing with those in needy places in the world? Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Romans 12:14. *Bless those who persecute.* This is another way of saying that we must return good for evil. Read Matthew 5:43-48 carefully. The Old Testament Law was retaliation, but Jesus showed us a new and better way. He said that anyone could love his friends, but it takes a Christian to love his enemies.

Romans 12:16. *Be of the same mind . . .* Don't be a chronic objector. Accept the will of the majority. How does this apply to our societies? Can you disagree without being disagreeable? *Mind not high things.* Don't be snobbish.

Be not wise in your own conceits. Don't be so set in your opinions that you refuse to consider opinions of others.

Romans 12:17. *Provide things honest.* It is better to live with a conscience clean, Than to win with a trick unfair; It is better to fail, and to know you've been, Whatever the prize was, square, Than to claim the joy of a far-off goal And the cheer of the standers-by, And to know down deep in your inmost soul A cheat you must live and die.

—Unknown

Bishop Hall once wrote: "A reputation once broken may possibly be repaired, but the world will always keep its eye on the spot where the crack was." What did he mean?

Romans 12:18. . . . *live peaceably with all men.* It takes two to make a quarrel. If one refuses to quarrel, there will be peace. How can this principle, beginning with you and me, solve the world situation?

Romans 12:19,20. *Forgive.* "As far as the East is from the West, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us." Jesus told Peter that we are to forgive seventy times seven. In other words, we are to always be forgiving. We are to go even farther—we are to do good to our enemies. God is the One to repay, if there is any repaying to be done.

Romans 12:21. *Be not overcome . . . but overcome evil with good.* Christians are given the promise that God will see that we are given strength to bear all temptations (I Corinthians 10:13). The first Psalm gives us excellent advice as to how to overcome evil with good. Read it.

If there is a question of doubt, give God the benefit of the doubt—and don't do it.



Citizenship Unlimited!

No. 1 in a Series: "Christian Endeavor Week—Youth Week"

Ephesians 3:17-19

(Denominational Day—Beginning Christian Endeavor Week)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JANUARY 3

Comments by Rev. Walter C. Schaeffer*

Purpose

To develop an understanding of the implications of citizenship. To help the society members realize that every one is a citizen of a nation, a world, and, by choice, a Christian citizen at one and the same time.

Promoting the Meeting

Since this is the beginning of Christian Endeavor Week, much promotional material will be available prior to the week's observance. Be sure announcements of this particular meeting are included. Secure a copy of "A Program Guide for Christian Endeavor Societies" and post the page for January on the bulletin board. Write the name of the leaders in the spaces provided.

For the Leader

This is your opportunity to broaden the outlook of the entire membership of the society. Most people are aware of their responsibilities to the community and nation in which they live. You can help them understand that they are citizens of the world as well, and by faith may become Christian citizens also. If possible, secure copies of "What Is Christian Citizenship?" and "What Is World Friendship?" Both may be purchased from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, for 35 cents per dozen. It will also be a part of your opportunity to impress the members with the fact that one cannot be a citizen in the fullest sense of the word unless one becomes a Christian. Lead the discussion so that this fact will be brought out.

Select four young people well in advance of the meeting and assign to each an area of this topic. Choose the member of the society who speaks most persuasively and whose personal life is a testimony to his faith and ask him to sum up the other four talks by showing the necessity for one to be a follower of the Christ before one can express his citizenship to the greatest degree.

Begin the meeting by reminding the members that our life and responsibilities are becoming increasingly complex. Contrast the community life of fifty years ago when due to lack of transportation, citizens seldom traveled beyond the local area, with community life today when all the world is only a few hours away, and news of events reaches everyone within minutes.

First Speaker: Community Citizenship

Show the responsibility one owes to the community in which he lives. The character of the community will greatly affect the lives of all who live there. Just and righteous government begins at the local level.

The topic suggests that even in local areas the limit of citizenship has not yet been reached. There is still great room for

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What reaches of citizenship have not yet been achieved?
2. Can we become better citizens by our individual efforts?
3. Can our duties as citizens of the state clash with our duties as Christian citizens? If so how can this be solved?

improving not only the character of the government, but also the character of those governed.

Bring out the need for concern for those who are underprivileged and especially for those who are unchurched. Remind the members that in the local community is where they will find the bereaved who need comfort, the sick who need understanding, the discouraged who need reassurance, and the unfortunate who need material help. Here also is the sinner who needs Christ.

Second Speaker: National Citizenship

We are known to the other peoples of the world largely through our national government. The character of our national government will determine to a large degree what other people will think of us. If the national government has a long record of helpful concern for all the peoples of the world, the peoples of the world in turn will tend to think of all individuals within that country as being kind and helpful people.

We must be aware of the laws under consideration, and be well enough informed to decide if it is a good law or a bad one. Where injustice is found we must agitate for remedial legislation. Most of all we must convince ourselves that our opinion and our vote, if we are of voting age, are important and contribute to our total national attitude.

Third Speaker: World Citizenship

Far too few people have thought seriously of the fact that all of us are citizens of the world. Only a handful of these have taken time to consider some of the implications involved in this fact. Many of the responsibilities we accept in other forms of citizenship are also placed upon us in world citizenship.

Our obligations are not limited to community or nation, but extend far beyond our national borders. We feel a sense of pride in our nation; we must also feel such pride in regard to the world in which we live. When we find need in our community or nation we gladly lend a helping hand. This must be no less true in the world community.

We take pride in the friendships we establish locally; we cannot forget that wonderful friends are awaiting our love in all parts of the world. We feel the necessity of bringing the Gospel of Christ to all who will listen in our home neighborhood and nation. We must constantly remind ourselves that souls all over the world stand in need of the saving Grace of Christ and it is our responsibility to bring it to them.

Fourth Speaker: Christian Citizenship

Christian citizenship differs from citizenship in any group. We attain this citizenship by choice. This may be true in other areas as well, but usually we become citizens of a nation by birth. God's rule has no boundaries. People of all races and nations may be Christian citizens regardless of where they may be living for the moment. Christ reigns all over the world and yet is "within you" at one and the same time. This is because His is a spiritual kingdom and is composed of all who have accepted Christ as Saviour, as the first principle of Christian Endeavor suggests.

Christian citizenship is similar to other forms of citizenship in that certain responsibilities are placed on the citizen. The citizen must be a constant witness to his faith in Christ. He must ever seek to bring others to this same knowledge. He must accept the Lord as the king of his life.

Fifth Speaker:

Faith's Part in Citizenship

We have seen that citizenship is not limited to any one area or group. This is what we mean by citizenship unlimited. It might also mean that the work of good citizens is never completed. Regardless of how well one has acted as a citizen, his quality of citizenship can and must be constantly improved. However, most of us have made the discovery that try as we might we seem to make little progress by ourselves. It is only when our own ability is undergirded by the power of God that we make progress.

Thus true citizenship, that unselfish desire to be helpful to as many as possible, can be achieved only when we, as Christians, depend upon God's strength and follow His guidance.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Colossians 3:16
Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Scripture: Ephesians 3:17-19
Sentence Prayers
Announcements
Offering
Hymn: *In the Service of the King*
Presentation of Speakers
Discussion of Topic
Hymn: *In Christ There Is No East or West*
Benediction.

Be Prepared

Well ahead of time order the complete Christian Endeavor Week Packet which gives many helps for celebrating Christian Endeavor's birthday. The cost is just 50c.

Also secure a supply of folders giving information and entry blanks for Christian Endeavor's 1960 Citizenship Contest. Urge your society itself to enter the competition as well as individual members. This contest encourages practical expressions of Christian citizenship in your own community.

These materials may be secured from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

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Comments by Frances M. Becker*

Defining Terms

If you looked in your dictionary you would find that a citizen is "a native or naturalized person owing allegiance to, and entitled to protection from, a government."

Unlimited means "having no limits in space, number or time, not limited by restrictions."

Put the two words together and you have the status of a person who through endless opportunities seeks to express his allegiance to the government from which he receives security and protection.

All Kinds of Citizenship

There are of course various kinds of citizenship. In some countries it means blind, unquestioning, unthinking obedience to a country which dictates the actions of its people. In some lands it means changing your allegiance whenever a new group comes into power so that you end up with no honest, sincere convictions of your own. In America we continue to work toward citizenship which places upon each individual the responsibility for sharing his abilities in creating a government which works toward the greatest good for its people.

Christian Citizenship

To be a Christian citizen, however, places upon us the greatest responsibility for serving our fellow men. It rules out the Christian fellow who shakes his head in disdain and says he wouldn't have anything to do with politics because it's too dirty. It excludes the Christian girl who couldn't be bothered to help in a mission because the people are so dirty and unrefined and unappreciative.

When did Christ, as a citizen of this earth, refuse help to anyone who needed help—Samaritan or Jew, Pharisee or publican, thief or sinner, rich or poor, leper or demon-possessed?? When did He turn His back on the situations in His time which needed cleaning up? Take, for example, the purification of the temple in which He overthrew the tables of the money changers and said, "My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves" (Mark 11:17).

Where do you read in the Bible Christ's command to go into all the world to teach the clean, the pure, the righteous: to take care of the acceptable, the honest, the saved. We can't afford as Christian citizens in the world today to lift our hems for fear of getting them dirty in the muck and mire created by unscrupulous people who, for the sake of a measly dollar, would drag their fellow man to destruction. We can't afford to look down our noses with disdain on the drunkard, the gambler, the delinquent, the atheist who may through us come in contact with the Saviour who can change a life from sin and can cleanse a movement from corruption.

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IDEAS FOR YOUR MEETING:

1. Send to the International Society of Christian Endeavor for Citizenship Contest folders and Citizenship Convocation flyers. Have these ready to distribute to your members during the meeting.

2. Distribute invitations to your meeting in Sunday school and after the morning worship service. These could be just a large question mark on the outside with the invitation on the inside.

3. Have several large question marks around your meeting room. These will represent the question, "What can you do about Christian Citizenship?"

4. To stress a need for Christian Citizenship have one member bring in the mounted headlines of one copy of your local paper showing examples of poor daily living (stealing, drunkenness, gambling, exploitation, organized vice).

5. Check your New Testament for suggestions as to how a Christian Citizen should behave.

1. Philippians 4:8
2. 1 Timothy 4:12
3. Matthew 5:3-16
4. Romans 12
5. Romans 13

6. After presentation of the topic, get down to facts. What can you as a society do to improve some situation in your community? Talk about it, pray about it and think about it so that at your next business meeting you can plan for action and get to work.

7. Select your hymns to suit the topic: I Would Be Like Jesus; Give of Your Best to the Master; In the Service of the King; and Challenge of the New Day.

What Can You Do About It?

What can you do about it as an individual and as a member of a Christian Endeavor society? You know, of course, that Christian Endeavor has stressed Christian Citizenship as one of the products of its organization. It hopes through its program "to promote Christian principles among men, to emphasize Christian Citizenship in the home, in school or work, in the community, in the nation and in the world and to develop Christian leadership for the community, nation and world." To that end, for several years the International Society of Christian Endeavor has sponsored a Citizenship Contest. You as an individual may join or your society may enter the contest this year.

The individual must write "An Open Letter" on the subject *Christian Citizenship—Unlimited!* This along with his Service Record which indicates the character and the activities of the contestant will compose his rating in the contest. Two groups of young people are invited to participate:

Division A—Any youth in the United States, Canada or Mexico who is in the 12th grade or below on February 8, 1960.

Division B—Any youth who has completed the 12th grade but has not reached his 25th birthday by February 8, 1960.

The society which participates must write a report and send pictures of some significant Citizenship project which it has carried on between September 1, 1959, and March 1, 1960. This project should contribute toward the improvement of some phase of daily living in the community where the society members live. Some suggestions might be:

1. Getting rid of obscene literature on your newsstands.
2. Starting a Junior Christian Endeavor society for underprivileged children.
3. Planning a Christian Citizenship display in some public place.
4. Planning a paint-up, fix-up, clean-up campaign for your neighborhood.

You have ideas and you have the enthusiasm. With your counselor and pastor discuss the possibilities and make your society a working example of *Christian Citizenship—Unlimited!*

Dates to Remember

February 8, 1960—Last date to send in your nomination form to the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

March 1, 1960—Last date to send in your completed "Letter" or report.

For complete details write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor (1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio) for a Citizenship Contest information folder.

A Final Note

Christ needs strong citizens who will face dangers with courage, right wrong with fortitude and serve Him, trusting in Him for strength.

"The persecution of the Christians during the reign of Marcus Aurelius was very bitter. The Emperor himself decreed the punishment of forty of the men who had refused to bow down to his image.

"Strip to the skin!" he commanded. They did so. "Now, go and stand on that frozen lake," he commanded, "until you are prepared to abandon your Nazarene-God!"

"Forty naked men marched out into that howling storm on a winter's night. As they took their places on the ice they lifted up their voices and sang:

"Christ, forty wrestlers have come out to wrestle for Thee; to win for Thee the victory; to win from Thee the crown."

"After a while those standing by and watching noticed a disturbance among the men. One man edged away, broke into a run, entered the temple, and prostrated himself before the image of the Emperor.

"The captain of the guard, who had witnessed the bravery of the men and whose heart had been touched by their teaching, tore off his helmet, threw down his spear, and disrobing himself, took up the cry as he took the place of the man who had weakened. The compensation was not slow in coming, for as the dawn broke there were forty corpses on the ice."

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for January, 1960. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



Junior High (Intermediate)

Daily Readings

M., Dec. 28. A Light for Each Step.
Psalms 119:105,130.
T., Dec. 29. One Day at a Time.
Matthew 6:30-33.
W., Dec. 30. Our Need for Faith.
Matthew 14:29-31.
T., Dec. 31. Directed Paths. Proverbs 3:5,6.
F., Jan. 1. The Steps of Advance.
I Peter 1:5-8.
S., Jan. 2. Press On. Philippians 3:13,14.
Sun., Jan. 3. Topic—One Step at a Time.
Proverbs 4:18.
M., Jan. 4. Give Me Thine Heart.
Proverbs 23:23-26.
T., Jan. 5. Proper Behavior. James 2:11-17.
W., Jan. 6. Self-Sacrifice. II Corinthians 8:1-9.
T., Jan. 7. Renouncing the World.
Hebrews 11:24-27.
F., Jan. 8. Risen with Christ.
Colossians 3:1-4.
S., Jan. 9. Renewed. Isaiah 40:27-31.
Sun., Jan. 10. Topic—World's Squeeze or God's Mold. Romans 12:1,2.
M., Jan. 11. Gifts Differ. I Corinthians 12:4-11.
T., Jan. 12. Source of Gifts. James 1:16-18.
W., Jan. 13. Neglect Not the Gift.
I Timothy 4:12-16.
T., Jan. 14. The Talents. Matthew 25:14-30.
F., Jan. 15. Cultivate the Gift.
II Timothy 1:6-11.
S., Jan. 16. Privileges Withdrawn.
Revelation 2:1-5.
Sun., Jan. 17. Topic—Gifts—Use Them or Lose Them. Romans 12:3-8.
M., Jan. 18. More Than Lip Service.
Isaiah 29:13-16.
T., Jan. 19. More Than Display.
Matthew 6:1-8.
W., Jan. 20. More Than Attendance.
Ezekiel 33:30-33.
T., Jan. 21. More Than Offerings.
Isaiah 1:11-18.
F., Jan. 22. The Basis of Judgment.
Matthew 25:31-46.
S., Jan. 23. Go and Do Likewise.
Luke 10:25-37.
Sun., Jan. 24. Topic—Practice What You Preach. Romans 12:9-21.
M., Jan. 25. Obedience Required.
Jeremiah 7:23-26.
T., Jan. 26. Church and State.
Matthew 22:15-21.
W., Jan. 27. The Higher Powers.
Romans 13:1-7.
T., Jan. 28. God and the King. I Peter 2:12-17.
F., Jan. 29. Civil Obedience.
Ecclesiastes 8:1-8.
S., Jan. 30. Heavenly Citizenship.
Philippians 3:20,21.
Sun., Jan. 31. Topic—Citizenship Unlimited! Ephesians 3:17-19. (Denominational Day—Beginning Christian Endeavor Week)

Senior-Young People's Daily Readings
M., Dec. 28. God Is Thy Refuge.
Deuteronomy 33:27-29.
T., Dec. 29. God, My Strength. Psalm 28:6-8.
W., Dec. 30. Fear Not. Isaiah 41:10-13.
T., Dec. 31. The Pilgrim's Companion.
Genesis 28:10-15.
F., Jan. 1. My Deliverer. II Timothy 4:16-18.
S., Jan. 2. Strength. Psalm 29:10,11.
Sun., Jan. 3. Topic—Help for the New Year. Psalm 121: Hebrews 13:6.
M., Jan. 4. Give Me Thine Heart.
Proverbs 23:23-26.
T., Jan. 5. Proper Behavior. James 2:11-17.
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_____ (Name of Church)

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_____ (Address of Contact Person)

_____ (City, Zone, State of Contact Person)

_____ Office or Position of Contact Person

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Jan. 3. Talking with God. Luke 18:10-14; Matthew 7:7-11
Jan. 10. How God Answers Prayer. Acts 16:25-34
Jan. 17. Prayers of Jesus. Matthew 6:5-13
Jan. 24. Name That Hymn. Psalm 6
Jan. 31. Citizenship—How Tall Are YOU? Luke 2:41-52

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_____ (City, Zone, State)

(Disregard the following if you are nominating yourself) I agree to encourage my nominee to complete the "Letter and Service Record."

_____ (Name of Person Making Nomination)

_____ (Address of Person Making Nomination)

_____ (City, Zone, State of Person Making Nomination)



NEWS

from around the world

International Society's president, Dr. Clyde Meadows, spoke at the Philadelphia Rally in October. Theme for the rally was "We Would See Jesus."



Members of the Primary Christian Endeavor Union of First Christian Church, Tillamook, Ore., present their pastor, Dr. Aldis L. Webb, a gift of \$70 for the building fund for West Christian College. Dr. Webb was asked to count the money aloud, for the amount of the offering had been kept secret. Members of this group of 35 Primary Endeavorers are Mrs. Earl McNeil, Mrs. Charles As, and Mrs. Lee Doty. Vivian L. Mondhan is director of Christian education.

ENANT CALL is the name of a newspaper published by the "Glasgow 1960" City Committee to arouse interest in the 62nd British and the 59th Scottish Christian Endeavor Convention to be held 4-7, 1960, in Glasgow. Delegates will represent from all parts of Great Britain, a group of Endeavorers coming from many as well.



David L. Cole



Clyde R. Sherck



John F. Stephenson, Jr.

The newly-elected union presidents are pictured above. David L. Cole of Lowell, Mass., who heads up the Virginia Union, is employed by Dun & Street, Inc., and is a member of Prince George Congregational Church. The Ontario Union is under the leadership of Clyde R. Sherck of Port Colborne, who is the paymaster at the John Deere Welland Works and a member of Grace United Brethren in Christ Church in Port Colborne. John F. Stephenson, Jr., president of the New Jersey Union, is in Pluckemin where he attends the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the New Jersey Union.

Virginia Union held a very successful Leadership Training Conference for new and retiring state officers at Farmville. Out of 35 eligible to attend, 32 were present. Arch McQuilkin served as conference consultant. Phyllis G. Brown, chairman, reports that new officers learned about their duties and responsibilities from a "What's My Line?" presentation given by Alice Whitley Jones. Alice Goodman planned a Christian Endeavor Fair with unusual exhibits. Entrance to the Fair was a state convention registration for 1960. Exhibits included Implements (audio-visual aids), Livestock (Finance and Extension), Balloons (making the most of music), Canned Goods (books and pamphlets), Baked Goods—Finance Pie, Birthday Cake (for Christian Endeavor birthday offering), and Cookies (parts of a good program); plus a Trade Fair (dolls from other countries displayed with Christian Endeavor news items).

St. Louis (Missouri) Endeavorers selected their "Christian Endeavor Queen" at their annual Coronation Banquet held November 20. Don Wilson, student at Covenant College, was the speaker for the evening. Bruce Stager is president of the St. Louis Union. In the newspaper article telling of the death of Dr. Edwin N. Rock, executive secretary of the Louisville (Kentucky) Presbytery, the following appeared: "As a youth he served as state president of the Kentucky Christian Endeavor Union, and while in that position decided to study for the ministry." Many of today's leaders in the church can look back to a decision made in a Christian Endeavor meeting which led them to their present field of service.



Rev. and Mrs. Samuel M. Saffery (center) of Honolulu recently visited Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Keperling (left and right) of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, accompanied the visitors from the 50th state, who were en route to the west coast and home to Hawaii, where they are active Christian Endeavor supporters.

Westchester County (New York) Endeavorers are supporting two missionary projects for 1959—assisting a Korean orphan and helping at Five Points Mission in New York City. Under the direction of Barbara K. Hoffman, a Missionary Rally will be held December 6 at South Presbyterian Church in Yonkers.

An excellent historical resume of Christian Endeavor in Park Street Church, Boston, Massachusetts, appeared in an issue of the church publication, THE PARK STREET SPIRE. Sherwood M. Strodel, Minister of Youth, wrote the article which traced the society in the church from 1885 to the present.

At the meetings of the Executive and Finance Committees of the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, October 22-24, Norman Klauder of Philadelphia was honored for his more than twenty years of service on the Finance Committee, most of that time as chairman. Shown at the presentation of the special plaque are (left to right) Allan J. Blair, chairman of the Finance Committee; Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the International Society; Mr. Klauder; and Harold E. Westerhoff, International Society treasurer.





Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, International Society president, at his desk in Chambersburg, Penn.

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